

256 W 54th St

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My Dear Bro

Your last letter came to me some little time ago and I have delayed writing with a view of having something definite to say but so far my writing has accomplished little I will do what I can to secure the pulpit of the Unit Church for you during the vacation and I shall have my eyes open for any good thing that may offer I had a Conference with Mr. Magie on the subject this a.m. We are now having a little breeze here over matters

at the Chapel The trustees
and some in the Session are
in favour of more freedom
for the Congregation worshipping
there from the leading strings
with which they have been
bound and have passed a
resolution to that effect asking
the Session to carry it into
effect and do all in their
power to make the people there
more self respecting and less
dependent This has not
been kindly received by the
one man power there and
the result is he has set
about the task of putting the
wheels under my horse
How far he will succeed
remains to be seen

I have lost my staunch man
in the Session Dear Mr Maye
but so far as I know they are
all my friends and my opinion
is the will sooner or later
discover he is not running
his insurance as when he
takes the Session in hand

I have done nothing to
bring this about it seems
to be purely presidential
and what ever may it turns
out be all right and for
the best

I often think of my
delightful visit at your house
and the good talk we had
there and I hope at some
time in the future to see
your good wife and the dear

Children again I trust that
when you get yourself trans-
planted it will be in a
most congenial soil
where all will be pleasant
and delightful

My kind regards to your
family

Faithfully yours
Jesse L. Collins

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To the Rev

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